

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communications filed 3-9-06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-11 and 13-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Wilder on 04-07-06.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 recites --said synchronized data stream being transmitted over said second interconnection network--. The word "second" should be deleted and replaced with the word --**first**--.

Claim 11 recites --said synchronized data stream being transmitted over said second interconnection network--. The word "second" should be deleted and replaced with the word --**first**--.

Claim 21 recites --said synchronized data stream being transmitted over said second interconnection network--. The word "second" should be deleted and replaced with the word --**first**--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Walker disclose a method, a method that is for enabling coordinated sessions of a television (TV) program and a synchronized presentation from a network server; a medium containing machine readable code, the code being selectively readable to

provide program signals for executing a method for enabling coordinated sessions of a television program and a synchronized presentation from a network server, and a information management system (Figure 1), the method comprising: providing a synchronized data stream for being selectively transmitted by the network server (Figure 1, 70, 20), the synchronized data stream being selectively transmitted over a first interconnection network (figure 1, 20); providing the television program for being selectively transmitted over a second interconnection network (Figure 1, 10); and coordinating the synchronized data stream with the television program such that at any given time, content from the synchronized data stream corresponds to content presented in the television program (Figure 1, 40, 30, Column 7, lines 17-32). Walker discloses a medium located at a source of synchronized data of a TV program can have machine-readable code or a medium containing machine-readable code, the code being selectively readable to provide program signals for executing a method for enabling coordinated sessions of a television program and a synchronized presentation from a network server (Figure 1, 71, 73). Walker discloses displaying the television program on a first display device (Figure 1, 30); and processing the synchronized data stream to effect a server-based presentation on a second display device (Figure 1, 40), the second display device being separate from the first display device (Figure 1, 30, 40).

Johnson discloses mounting the wireless control units (Figure 1, Figure 1A). Traeger (US 5,317,691) discloses a multidock for hand held data terminals (Figure 6) which is connect the terminals to the local area network; the multidock connects the terminals in a row with each terminal viewable by the user.

The prior art of record does not suggest nor teach the following limitations (or similar limitations) in conjunction with other elements as claimed in the rejected independent claims: Multiple wireless control units in receptacle and front most control unit is viewable by the user.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Farzana E. Hossain whose telephone number is 571-272-5943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Grant can be reached on 571-272-7294. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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